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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Transmitted herewith for filing of the patent application of:

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For: DISTRIBUTED MESSAGE SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

- Specification, including the Abstract
- 9 Sheets of drawings (3 sets)
- Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Executed Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet
- Executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- Other: 2 postcards

CLAIMS AS FILED		
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	-17-	0
Indep Claims	-3-	0
multiple dependent claim present	No	

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Small Entity	
RATE	FEE
	\$ 345
x \$ 9 =	\$
x \$ 39 =	\$
x \$130 =	\$
TOTAL	\$ 345

Other than a Small Entity	
RATE	FEE
	\$ 690
x \$ 18 =	\$
x \$ 78 =	\$
x \$260 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

Assignment Recordal Fee \$ 40

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(e))—SMALL BUSINESS**

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6572-27Applicant or Patentee: Vincent Kovarik and Eric Held

Serial or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby declare that I am

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: Exigent International, Inc.ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: 1225 Evans Road, Melbourne, FL 32904

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

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- the specification filed herewith with the title as listed above.  
 the application identified above.  
 the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention must file separate verified statements covering to their status as small entities and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c). If that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

 Individual     Small Business Concern     Nonprofit Organization

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